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1. On 20 February 1952, the Artillerie Kaserne on August-Rebel-Strasse, Frankfurt/Oder (O 51/V 63), was occupied by about 800 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Fifteen canvas-covered AT guns and an undetermined device with the dimensions of a sound detector were seen in the barracks yard. About 120 soldiers, organized into three groups, drilled with carbines. Four trucks towing a 76.2-mm AT gun each were seen moving out of the billeting area. 50X1-HUM
2. On 20 February, the Buelow Kaserne at the intersection of Fuerstenwalder-Poststrasse and Schillerstrasse quartered about 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. About 50 soldiers were engaged in rifle drill in the yard where about 24 AT guns 76.2-mm and 57-mm were parked. An armored half-track vehicle was seen leaving and, later re-entering the barracks installation.
3. On 20 February, 2 or 3 buildings of the northern section of the Richhorn Kaserne on Muellroser Landstrasse were occupied. Only a few soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets and several Soviet women were noticed. The southern section of the installation quartered about 400 troops who wore black-bordered red epaulets. About 20 soldiers drilled with rifles in the yard and 20 more soldiers received close-combat training. Forty more soldiers drilled with rifles and submachine guns on the nearby training field. 50X1-HUM
4. On 20 February 1952, the Hindenburg Kaserne on August-Bebel-Strasse was occupied by about 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. About 30 soldiers were seen engaged in rifle drill on 15 February. 40 tanks entered the installation. About 100 soldiers were seen marching into the mess building. Tanks moved out of the installation. 50X1-HUM

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5. On 15 February, the Hofbauer Kaserne on Birnbaummuehlenweg quartered about 50 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Trucks [ ] 50X1-HUM  
[ ] shuttled between the 50X1-HUM  
installation and the railroad station. They carried numerous officers and some of all branches of service. From 2 to 4 trucks were repaired daily in front of the armory.
6. On 19 February, the Horn Kaserne on Muhner Chaussee was occupied by about 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Several soldiers received instruction on SP gun [ ] in the yard on 14 February. Tanks [ ] were seen moving out of the in- 50X1-HUM  
installation toward the Markendorf training field. About 30 soldiers 50X1-HUM  
drilled at the training field near the installation on 19 February. About 50 more soldiers armed with rifles practiced marching on the barracks yard. Tanks [ ] SP gun [ ] and truck [ ] occu- 50X1-HUM  
pied by about 30 men with red-bordered black epaulets, drove into the installation.
7. On 20 February, the Miethen Kaserne on Kopernikusstrasse was occupied by about 700 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and artillery insignia. About 140 soldiers, organized into seven groups, were engaged in drill with and without rifles on 15 February. Three trucks [ ] each carrying 20 50X1-HUM  
soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were seen driving into the installation. One of the trucks towed an artillery piece of about 122-mm. On 20 February, about 25 men practiced with an artillery piece of about 122-mm and with another artillery piece of 76.2-mm without muzzle brake. Another 20 men were engaged in rifle drill on the athletic field. [ ] 50X1-HUM  
[ ]
8. On 19 February, the Soviet komandatura on Puschkinstrasse housed about 60 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets. No training activity was noticed. About 18 soldiers were engaged in physical exercise. Trucks [ ] was parked in front of the komanda- 50X1-HUM  
tura building.
9. On 23 February, the Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied by troops who wore 50X1-HUM  
red-bordered black epaulets. From 800 to 900 troops fell in in the yard, forming an open square. About 110 soldiers organized into two groups of 55 men each and wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were subsequently seen leaving the installation. Armored vehicles seen entering and leaving the installation [ ] 50X1-HUM  
[ ] on 21 and 22 February; 3 unnumbered JSU-152 SP guns and 2 [ ]  
JSU-100 SP guns on 21 February; and 2 [ ] JSU-152 SP guns and 3 50X1-HUM  
[ ] JSU-100 SP guns on 22 February. [ ]  
[ ] were identified.
10. T-34/35 tank [ ] was seen leaving the Miethen Kaserne on Kopernikus-  
strasse toward the Hindenburg Kaserne on 21 February. [ ] 50X1-HUM  
[ ] each towing a model 38 122-mm field howitzer and  
carrying 9 to 11 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, moved out of the billeting area toward the Markendorf training field. They were followed by truck [ ] which carried 16 soldiers who wore red-  
bordered black epaulets. [ ]
11. On the occasion of Red Army Day on 23 February, about 100 men from each barracks installation were detached to witness a ceremony at the Soviet monument on Am Anger, where a wreath was laid. The military post commander addressed the 800 to 900 troops assembled there. Sedans and trucks were parked near the monument. [ ]
12. On 15 February, the Hindenburg Kaserne on August-Bebel-Strasse was occupied by about 2,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. Nine T-34 tanks [ ] 50X1-HUM

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[redacted] tanks were seen entering the installation from the direction of Rosengarten. Troops were seen policing the quarters and doing maintenance work on weapons and equipment. [redacted]

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13. On 9 February [redacted] the material of the central construction bureau of the Kech in the Hofbauer Kaserne on Birnbaummuehlenweg was hauled to the Horn Kaserne on Lührer Chaussee, where it was stored in a room which had previously contained Kech furniture. The garages of the Hofbauer Kaserne, which were thus vacated, were returned to the troops. Trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] were seen in one of the furniture storage buildings in the Horn Kaserne. They were driven by German civilians. [redacted] Captain Topov (fnu) was chief, and a Russian civilian, Kikhalovski (fnu) was deputy chief of the Kech office. Lieutenant Colonel Klinovski (fnu) was identified as the commanding officer of the tank unit in the Horn Kaserne. Every morning and noon, two JS tanks were seen leaving the installation for driving practice. Captain Rudenko (fnu) from the division headquarters in Fuerstenwalde (V 53/V 33) was transferred to the U.S.S.R. for reassignment.

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14. On 21 February, the Buelow Kaserne at the intersection of Fuerstenwalder-Forststrasse and Schillerstrasse quartered about 700 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and tank insignia. Two officers and 18 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets and equipped with three 82-mm mortars were seen marching into the installation from Rosengarten. Twelve soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets practiced with two 76.2-mm ZIS-3 AT guns and another 70 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were engaged in rifle drill. Trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] each towing a 122-mm artillery piece, drove into the Buelow Kaserne from the direction of the Hofbauer Kaserne and were later seen leaving the Buelow Kaserne, driving toward Rosengarten.

15. On the evening of 20 February, only a few of the billets of the Hofbauer Kaserne on Birnbaummuehlenweg were lighted. About 150 to 180 soldiers were quartered there. The sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted]

16. On 20 February, the Artillerie Kaserne on August-Bebel-Strasse was occupied by 800 to 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. About 100 soldiers were seen engaged in rifle drill and physical exercise in the yard. A truck [redacted] towed a heavy artillery piece into the installation. [redacted]

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17. Between 12 and 21 February, the Hindenburg Kaserne on August-Bebel-Strasse quartered about 400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was noticed.

18. On 18 February, the Horn Kaserne on Lührer Chaussee was occupied by about 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Vehicles seen leaving the installation included: A half-track armored personnel carrier, carrying 10 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and mounting a gun of about 50-mm; four-wheel armored scout car [redacted] and 2 sidecar motorcycles. About 12 soldiers were engaged in pistol firing, while 5 T-34 tanks were seen driving from the direction of Birnbaummuehle toward the Horn Kaserne. Vehicles [redacted] were observed at the Horn Kaserne. [redacted]

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\* [ ] Comment. The report confirms [ ] the occu- 50X1-HUM  
pation of military installations in Frankfurt/Oder. [ ]  
The statement in the present report that the Kech equipment was moved  
from the Hoffbauer Kaserne to the Horn Kaserne is unconfirmed. The  
half-track armored personnel carrier mentioned in paragraph 18 is pro-  
bably an armored vehicle of hitherto undetermined type which mounts  
light guns. Lieutenant Colonel Klimovski (fnu), [ ] 50X1-HUM  
[ ] is probably the supply officer of the 24th Gds Hq  
Tank SP Regt of the 7th Gds Vecz Div in the Horn Kaserne. The regi- 50X1-HUM  
mental commander is one Colonel Kazantsev (fnu). Captain Pudenko was  
previously [ ] supply officer with the Hq 7th Gds  
Vecz Div. [ ]

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